(b) the project-wise details of those incomplete projects including the Ninth Plan allocation and the progress made; and

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to complete the said projects during the Tenth Five Year Plan period showing the outlays earmarked and the target fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disinvestment of hospitals

†5018. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to hand over Government hospitals to the private parties in the coming time;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) The mandate of the Ministry of Disinvestment is for disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings only. No proposal for privatisation of Government hospitals is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatisation of BALCO

5019. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BALCO was privatised and sold to the Sterlite Industries some time back;

(b) whether a number of BALCO Employees had already opted for the VRS package of the company before privatisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these employees have not yet been paid their full dues of VRS package and are being charged penal rent and income tax is being deducted from the full amount of VRS;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the shares of the employees are likely to be settled and paid in full?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.